

June 24, 1957

Dear Al:

I am going to count your letter as being not a discouragement.

Let me add two words: if you were solidly disinterested in having graduate students (in very moderate numbers if you like!) working with you, then this element of the 'academic atmosphere' obviously doesn't fit. I don't think anyone envisages an onerous burden of formal teaching.

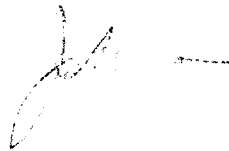
To the local advantages let me add another point-- the Great Lakes, which I understood were your vacation haunt.

If we can manage it at all, we should still be able to make the arrangement financially attractive to you as well, but that should be only the sauce on the pudding.

I had actually rather hoped your vacationing would bring you in this general vicinity. Anyhow, we'll keep in touch with you as soon as anything pops.

In a way I'm going to have to commiserate with you about raising issues of moving. These have been the plague of my work for the past six months, and they're not over yet.

Yours,

A handwritten signature, likely of John F. Kennedy, written in dark ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.